

**Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
June 17th, 2013 at 7p.m
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460**

Board Members present: Cynthia Hyde, Jon Stantz, and Dean Bruce

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Attorney Richard Lorenz, Officer Tony Stevens, Street Superintendent Larry Parrish, Sewer Superintendent John Hodge.

MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR June 3, 2013 REGULAR MEETING

Dean Bruce made a motion to accept the minutes with one correction, seconded by Jon Stantz and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

Bill Pursell was present to request the use of Town property for county fair parking. After some discussion, it was determined that because the ground has not settled after the demolition phase, it would be better if Mr. Pursell come back next year to make the request. After this discussion the Board discussed what needed to be done to prevent unauthorized parking this year during the fair. Larry Parrish said he would decide what would be needed to prevent this.

Denise Shaw was on hand to present a sewer project update. Richard Lorenz stated that the commissioners signed an agreement granting easements to the property along River Road. By way of the inter-local agreement, the easement is also granted to the Town of Spencer. Mr. Lorenz presented the inter-local agreement to the Town for signatures as well.

The Town Board agreed to sign the agreement 3-0.

Next, the discussion regarding installing Y connectors in the roadways along River Road during the construction phase at a cost of \$250 per Y. According to Ms. Shaw, the engineer suggested that the time to install these was now, so that in the future, customers can connect to them. By installing these connectors during the construction phase, it will result in greater savings to the town and the landowners. Ms. Shaw suggested a letter go out to all landowners to gauge interest. Mr. Lorenz agreed to write a letter of introduction. In the letter, interested property owners will have the opportunity to hook on at the total cost of \$810, and the \$250 will be waived.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Stevens was present, and had nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT/PLANNING & ZONING

Discussion regarding the hours worked and the level of service provided by the Building Dept. seems to be in conflict. Richard Lorenz suggested a meeting between the Town Board and the County Commissioners to resolve this.

Under Planning & Zoning, Mr. Lorenz presented a new map which incorporates zoning changes added to the original map over the last ten years. He said there was still a problem with the zoning ordinances indicating R-1 and R-2. Mr. Lorenz stated that the map was correct, but the ordinance needs to flip these definitions so they properly reflect this.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-09, TO AMEND CHAPTER 152, ZONING, §152.003, DEFINITIONS; §152.043, R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT; AND §152.044, R-2 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT OF THE TOWN OF SPENCER CODE OF ORDINANCES.

The motion was approved 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Mr. Parrish stated he handled the issue of runoff with Clifford McGuire, 8 W. Tanner Avenue, brought before the Board at the last meeting.

Next, he discussed a problem with a soft maple planted in the tree easement by a previous owner on N. Montgomery which is causing problems with the sidewalks. Larry Parrish said the tree was a problem, because it's split, and could become a safety issue in the future. Jon Stantz said that was across from his house, and admitted that he was the one who planted it. Mr. Parrish requested that he be allowed to take it down.

A motion was made to allow Larry Parrish to take the tree down, it was seconded and passed 2-1, with Jon Stantz opposed.

Discussion next took place regarding the scope of the Safe Routes to School sidewalk replacement project. The project was extending to Main Street rather than Washington, on the southside. The project will also include making the corners ADA compliant.

Next, Larry discussed the additional workload of mowing the new properties. He thought he might have to hire a parttime person next year to dedicate to mowing. Cynthia suggested he think about what his needs will be, and get back to the Board later in the year.

Cynthia Hyde discussed an email sent to her by Sheila Reeves regarding a request by Anthony Lederbrand, whereby one Friday a month, food vendors will be allowed to park in the alley adjacent to the Tivoli to offer additional food options. He was told no, but Mr. Lorenz agreed to follow up on this with a letter. She also mentioned that she has noticed an Owen Valley Winery truck parked in the alley a number of times.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

Superintendent John Hodge reported on the operations and maintenance of the plant and equipment.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Mr. Lorenz asked Jon Stantz about the Vigo County Landfill and how it would affect operations such as recycling. Jon Stantz stated that should have no affect on that because anyone can use the landfill. Jon Stantz stated that Clay and Owen were planning on reorganizing, but will not be able get any funds from property taxes until 2015. He said they are working on a meeting with the Commissioners to discuss funding options.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Jon Stantz gave an update on the Safe Routes to School project. He said he would like to apply for another round of funding and complete the project all the way down Hillside.

The Clerk-Treasurer announced the audit was complete, except for the exit interview that would be scheduled for Wednesday, June 26th.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Cynthia Hyde announced that there would be a kick-off meeting for the Master Parks Plan on July 1st, at 6:00 p.m. before the regular Town Board Meeting,

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented for approval.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the claims as presented. It was seconded and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Dean Bruce motioned to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Cynthia Hyde, President

Jon Stantz, Vice-President

Dean Bruce, Board Member

Attest:_____
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer